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Dallas Slaying Involves Son of Officer Tippit

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DALLAS, Tex. (AP) — A youth who earlier had been in a car of Charles A. Tippit, son of the Dallas police officer who the Warren Commission said was killed by Lee Harvey Oswald, was found shot to death on a sidewalk near the downtown First Baptist Church early Saturday.

Police said the slain youth, Michael Dale Bridwell, 18, was shot once in the forehead and once in the chest.

An East Dallas man was arrested as a suspect in the shooting when he arrived on the scene while officers investigated the shooting.

Charges of murder were filed Saturday against Leroy Watson McClain, 24, of Dallas. He remained in jail.

Companions of the dead boy told police the man who shot Bridwell later chased them from the scene in an automobile.

The three youths, including young Tippit, said they eluded the man on an expressway and stopped to telephone police of the shooting.

Officers who went to the scene found Bridwell lying on his back. He was dead on arrival at Parkland Hospital.

Young Tippit and the other two youths were taken to police headquarters for statements. The others were identified by police as Charles Dennis Bee, 15, and Steve Mark Fiengo, 16.

Patrolman J. D. Tippit, father of young Tippit, was shot to death on an Oak Cliff street within a short time after the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. The Warren Commission said Tippit was slain by Lee Harvey Oswald, Kennedy's accused assassin.